

DIXIE TRANSPORTATION EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (DTEC)
MINUTES
November 16, 2010

PRESENT

Jim Eardley, Chair, Washington County Commission
Jerry Lewis, UDOT Commissioner
Daniel McArthur, Mayor, City of St. George
Gloria Shakespeare, City of St. George
Ken Sizemore, Five County AOG
Myron Lee, Five County AOG
Nathan Lee, UDOT
Chris Hart, Mayor, Ivins City
Larry Bulloch, St. George City Public Works Director
Chad Worthen, RSG
Marreen Casper, Senator Hatch's Office
Mike Empey, Rep. Matheson's Office

CALL TO ORDER

MINUTES

MOTION: Motion by Mayor McArthur to approve the Minutes of October 20, 2010. Motion seconded by Mayor Hart and carried by unanimous vote.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Presentation of Socio-Economic Data to COG

Chad Worthen of RSG narrated a PowerPoint presentation to the Committee. Mr. Worthen represents a consulting firm hired to convert the MPO's old transportation model to new, more robust software dealing with traffic patterns, transit systems, and the socio-economic data that predicts these future patterns.

Mr. Worthen said that his firm specializes in traffic forecasting, and the purpose of his presentation today is to present updated socio-economic data for Washington County: jobs, households, population, etc. This data is used to generate long-range transportation and corridor-preservation plans for the MPO, RPO, UDOT, and other entities. The data is also used for estimating where resources should go. The Governor's Office of Planning & Budget will publish new forecasts for the counties and then these numbers will be updated again.

A copy of Mr. Worthen's presentation is available through the Office of the Washington County Commission.

Ken Sizemore asked the committee if it were comfortable presenting this information to the COG at the next meeting, or whether there are any questions or concerns. Chairman Eardley reminded everyone that the purpose of this study is to determine the necessity of developing a Transit Authority in Washington County to deal with transportation issues. Another use of the information, Ken said, was to develop an update of the long-range transportation plan for the MPO, and this socio-economic data will drive the direction of that long-range plan. It will help prioritize projects and determine how they will be funded. Mayor McArthur asked whether the data will change or if we have hard figures already. Ken said the staff will be making adjustments along the way, but there will be no new community figures for two years. After receipt of census figures, this socio-economic data will be re-calibrated.

B. Discuss 2011 Officers and Group Membership

Ken said that one of the first actions of 2011 will be to formally determine the representatives from each of the communities. He asked the group whether to expect changes, and if there are new members, his staff needs to introduce and orient them.

Mayor McArthur said that Gil Almquist, who was supposed to have been attending these meetings, has not been, and may be replaced if necessary. Other than that, no one anticipated any changes on the County level or in any of the cities. Ken will consult Mayor McArthur next month to get his final decision. Also, Washington City has not been represented, and Ken will meet with the City Manager to solicit his support.

C. I-15 Coalition Project Review

Myron Lee said the MPO is attempting to put together a coalition of stakeholders in projects in and around I-15, modeled on a similar coalition concerned with I-95. At present, it is an informal agreement to work together, which will hopefully lead to a broader plan when federal funding becomes available in the future. With a coalition in place, we will be in a better position to obtain some of these grants. The initial effort is to define the I-15 corridor system, start with some public meetings, and create public relations and information items to come up with a vision and a mission for the coalition. The goal is to solicit the mutual cooperation of the four states (California, Nevada, Utah, and Arizona) and their MPOs to create a regional coalition, with California taking the lead. In the future, it is possible that Idaho and Montana may join, as well.

I-15 is a vitally important north-south artery and facilitates the ability to deliver goods

and services, allowing the flow of interstate commerce.

D. Dixie Transportation Expo: February 1, 2011

The Dixie Transportation Expo has been scheduled for Feb. 1, 2011, at the Dixie Center and encouraged all members to participate. The primary purpose of the Expo is to encourage public involvement in its projects and let the citizens know what the MPO is doing. Last year, more than 900 people attended.

ACTION ITEMS

A. Approval of RSG Socio-Economic Data

MOTION: Motion by Mayor McArthur to Accept the Socio-Economic Data from the RSG presentation. Motion seconded by Mayor Hart and carried by unanimous vote.

UDOT/FHWA BUSINESS

No items were presented today.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mayor McArthur said that the new airport is on schedule. He has signed contracts for the new Jet Way, furniture will be delivered in mid-December, and art work will be coming in. Several of our local legislators have taken a guided tour. The old airport will close at midnight on Jan 12, 2011, and the new one will open on Jan 13th.

NEXT MEETING

A. December 15, 2010, 12:00 PM: Ratification of 2011 Officers and Group Members

Having no other business, Chairman Eardley adjourned the meeting at 5:48 p.m.